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ESTABLISHMENT OF WAREHOUSE DEPOTS AND REDUCTION OF TRANSPORT SERVICE CHARGES IN CENTRAL - SOUTH CHINA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

To implement the objectives of the Central - South China Trade Exposition and Conference, i.e., promotion of rural-urban trade as well as the establishment of warehouse depots, the state-operated Central - South China United Transport Company reduced its charges for forwarding services.

Earlier, the company had made a detailed announcement of the reduced scale of charges for forwarding services by railways, highways, and waterways, as approved by the Department of Communications of the Central - South China Military and Administrative Committee to be in effect on and after 1 July 1952.⁷

ESTABLISHMENT OF WAREHOUSE DEPOTS -- Hankow, Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 11 Jul 52

The following information was supplied to local paper by the Public Relations staff of Warehousing and Forwarding Depot of the Central - South China United Transport Company. To help implement the objectives of the Central and South China Trade Exposition and Conference -- promotion of rural-urban exchange of trade, besides establishing warehouse depots -- the state-operated Central - South China United Transport Company have again reduced their scale of charges for forwarding services. Other transport and forwarding agencies are also lowering their charges and all are to give preference and priority benefits to goods whose movement was arranged in business deals made at one of the big trade expositions.

The functions of the Central - South China United Transport Company's offices and warehouse depots are as follows:

1. Handle the transport, by land and water throughout the country, of goods in connection with transactions arranged at the trade expositions.

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2. Advise and assist concerning the modes and routes of travel, in the light of national transport conditions, and supply to shippers estimates of transportation costs.

3. In connection with the aforementioned trade transactions, attend to all necessary transport procedures, such as payment of taxes, insurance, passing of customs, handling bills of exchange, providing escort protection of goods in transit, etc.

4. Provide warehouse accommodations, tarpaulins, straw matting, and other kinds of protection from the weather, including railway ties on which to pile goods stored out of doors.

5. Assume full responsibility for the safe transport of goods, including reparation for losses due to shortages or dampness, but excluding damages due to faulty original packing and to acts of nature.

To show preference to business originating from transactions at the trade exposition, on 1 July 1952, this company put into effect a new scale of charges for services which makes reductions of from 10 to 27 percent, with specially favorable terms for large-scale shipments. All the transport companies, through their representatives in conference at the trade exposition, agreed to try to accomplish the objectives of the exposition by cooperating in putting the warehousing and forwarding business on a better basis.

The Yangtze Shipping Bureau has agreed to make a 15 percent across-the-board reduction of charges regardless of the nature of the cargo, and to give preference to the transport of trade exposition business. The railway bureaus, have not only agreed to extend the privilege of COD payments on full carload shipments, but also to give consideration to the suggestion to let this privilege apply to small-lot shipments as well, and to provide, where needed, more cars than contemplated in the railways' original plans. Other units also have agreed to reduce charges and to give preferential treatment to trade exposition business.

REDUCTION OF TRANSPORT SERVICE CHARGES -- Hankow, Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 28 Jun 52

The following public announcement was made regarding the reduction of transport charges in Central - South China.

To lessen the burden of expense on owners of and dealers in goods and commodities, and to help in furthering the objectives of the Central - South China Trade Exposition for the promotion of rural-urban exchange of goods, the below-mentioned company, having made a new cost-accounting study based on the results of the successful conclusion of the Three Anti and Five Anti movements, has now prepared a new scale of charges for transport services involving reductions of from 10 to 27 percent. The full particulars of the new scale of charges is herewith announced for the information of public and private patrons.

Provisional Scale of Charges for Services of the
State-Operated Central - South China United Transport Company

(Confirmed 10 June 1952 by Central and
South China Department of Communications,
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1. Charge Rates for Services in Connection With Responsibility for Transport by Railway of Full Carload Shipments, Including Escort Fee

a. There will be three rates of charges depending on the classification of goods made by the railway, as follows:

Rate A for classes 1 to 10 inclusive
 Rate B for classes 11 to 20 inclusive
 Rate C for classes 21 to 30 inclusive

b. The rates of charges on the basis of a marked 33-ton car are as follows:

Rates	Charges in Yuan per Km for	
	Distances Not Over 1,000 Km	Distances Over 1,000 Km
A	550	440
B	500	400
C	450	360

These rates are reduced 10 percent for a car marked less than 33 tons. Charges are computed for distances of integral multiples of 10 kilometers; any odd distance over an integral multiple of 10 kilometers shall be charged for as if it were 10 kilometers. The minimum charge for a load on any car, for any distance, is 225,000 yuan.

c. Special discounts for shipment made at one time are as follows:

Weight (in tons)	Discounts (in %)
151 - 500	5
501 - 1,000	10
1,001 - 1,500	15
1,501 - 2,000	20
2,001 - 3,000	30
over 3,000	to be negotiated

d. Loading and unloading charges are as follows:

The basis for charges will be the actual cost of loading, unloading, transferring cargo to or from railway car, steamer, or barge, and of making supporting, fastening, or protective frameworks, straw matting protection, and such items as required. For charges for protection against weather, see Section 16 below.

2. Charges to Cover Services for Handling Arrangements for Transportation by Rail of Full Carload Shipments and for Attending to All Matters Related Thereto, Including Transshipments

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108,000 yuan for a car of less than 33 tons

135,000 yuan for a car of 33 or more tons

If the cargo has to be transferred across the Yangtze River between Hankow and Wu-ch'ang, there is a surcharge of 33 1/3 percent.

3. Charges per Full Carload for Services in Connection With Responsibilities at Transfer Points

a. Change of Cars

(1) If transshipment of the cargo is not required, there is a discount of 10 percent from the charges indicated in Section 1 above.

(2) If transshipment between car and boat is required, (such as unloading from a P'ing Han line car at Hankow, crossing the Yangtze by ferry or barge and reloading on a Yueh-Han line car at Wu-ch'ang), the charge is that indicated in Section 1 above, plus that indicated in Section 4 below.

b. Converting From a Full Carload Shipment to Small Lot Shipments

The charge is 20 percent less than the handling fees would be for small lot shipments as indicated in Section 5 below.

4. Charges for Landing Imports and Forwarding by the Full Carload Lot

The fee is 2,500 yuan per ton, according to the marked tonnage of the car; but for shipments of 151 tons or more, special discounts apply as in Section 1 c. above.

5. Service Charge for Less Than Carload Shipments

a. On the basis of 100 kilograms, or fraction thereof.

b. When the railway takes responsibility and this company is not required to issue a bill of lading the fee is 3,000 yuan per 100 kilograms; if a bill of lading is required, the fee is 50 percent greater.

c. If a shipment is made not at the railway's responsibility, and this company is employed by the owner only to make the arrangements and to handle the documents, the fee is 3,000 yuan per 100 kilograms. But if it is required that this company provide an attendant or guardian for the goods, further charges will be as indicated in Section 15 below.

6. Service Charge for Transshipment on Less Than Carload Lots

The fee is the same as in Section 5 above.

7. Service Charge for Landing a Small-Lot Shipment of Imported Goods and Forwarding Same by Railway

a. The charge is 1,000 yuan per 100 kilograms or fraction thereof.

b. The minimum charge, 3,000 yuan per bill of lading.

c. The charge for delivery, if more than 5 kilometers, is to be negotiated.

d. If the weight of the shipment is more than 3,750 kilograms and under 15,000 kilograms, the computation of the fee is subject to the provisions in Section 4 above.

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8. Service Charge for Full Carload Shipment Made Up of Small Lots.

a. Where the shipper makes up the full carload, the fee is that for a carload lot as in Section 1 b above.

b. Where the shipper desires the cooperation of this company in making up a full carload, the fee will be the same as in preceding paragraph; however, since a carload must consist entirely of goods of the same classification, the company cannot assume responsibility for securing other shipments to make up a full carload within any specified time limit.

c. No charge for storage will be made for the first 5 days awaiting another lot to make up a full carload; but if the storage period is more than 5 days, the charge for storage will be 80 percent of the regular storage charges for the period in excess of 5 days.

d. The fee for unloading upon arrival at destination will be as prescribed in Section 7.

9. Highway Transport Service Charges

This company will retain 3 percent of the transportation costs of shipment by highway as commission for its services.

10. Water Transport Service Charges

a. Steam Vessels: This company will retain 3 percent of the transportation costs as its commission.

b. Sailing Vessels: This company will retain 3-6 percent of the transportation costs as its commission.

11. Water Transport

For only loading, or unloading, steamers or sailing vessels, passing customs, and forwarding, 15 tons or more will be treated as a full shipment, and anything less than 15 tons will be treated as a small-lot shipment.

a. For a full shipment, the fee is 3,000 yuan per ton or fraction thereof.

b. For a small lot shipment:

(1) The fee is 1,000 yuan per 100 kilograms or fraction thereof, based on the weight for which transport charges are paid. For shipments at one time of over 3,000 kilograms, there is a special discount of 10 percent; if over 5,000 kilograms, the discount is 20 percent.

(2) The minimum fee for any lot or shipment is 5,000.

(3) For a small lot shipment over 4,500 and up to 15,000 kilograms, the charge will be at the 15-ton rate.

12. Through Transport by Diverse Mediums of Transportation Involving Transshipment

With the company responsible for inclusive service, the charge will be the sum of the fees prescribed in Sections 4, 7, and 11, where applicable for the services rendered, such as for railway, highway, or waterway transport, handling at transfer points, passing customs, payment of taxes, and pickup and delivery.

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13. Bulky Cargo

With respect to bulky or heavy cargo which has to be handled, regardless as to whether it is shipped as a full carload, full shipment, or small-lot shipment, a surcharge for each piece weighing over 200 kilograms shall be made as follows:

<u>Weight (in kg)</u>	<u>Value (in yuan)</u>
201 - 300	500
301 - 400	1,000
401 - 500	2,000
501 - 1,000	4,000
1,001 - 2,000	8,000
2,001 - 5,000	20,000
Over 5 tons	To be negotiated

14. Livestock

For handling domestic animals, pigs, and any other livestock, there is a surcharge of 30 percent in addition to the ordinary fees.

15. Escort Service

When the shipper requires the company to provide an attendant or escort for goods in transit, the shipper will be charged the cost of an ordinary transportation ticket plus wages at the rate of 25,000 yuan per man per day for each day used.

16. Charges for Use of Tarpaulins

a. On cars: Each time the covers are used, 90,000 yuan for each car for any distance up to 500 kilometers; 120,000 yuan for any distance from 501 up to 1,000 kilometers; 150,000 yuan for any distance from 1,001 up to 1,500 kilometers; 180,000 yuan for any distance from 1,501 up to 2,000 kilometers; 210,000 yuan for any distance over 2,000 kilometers. If there is any difficulty about the return of the tarpaulins with the empty cars, the shipper is responsible for sending the tarpaulins back to the starting point by fast parcel service at his own expense.

b. On wharves or in storage yards: For the tarpaulins needed to cover one 33-ton carload of cargo, 15,000 yuan per day from 1 to 10 days, 12,000 yuan per day from 11 to 20 days, 9,000 yuan per day for more than 20 days.

c. On ships: For tarpaulins needed to cover one 33-ton carload of cargo, 12,000 yuan per day from 1 to 10 days, 8,000 yuan per day from 11 to 20 days, 6,000 yuan per day for over 20 days, in each case counting in the days required for returning the tarpaulins to point of origin, which is the responsibility of the shipper.

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17. Storage and Custodial Charges

a. No charge for the first 2 days on goods imported, or for the first 5 days on goods awaiting export.

b. Charge will be made at the regular rate per day on storage in excess of the number of days specified in the preceding item, except when it is part of the contract that the handling of a shipment is wholly the responsibility of the company, then no storage or custodial fee shall be charged.

18. Brokerage Fees

This company will charge brokerage fees of from 1 to 2 percent of the value of the goods purchased or sold on behalf of other parties.

19. Bills of Exchange Fees

This company will charge from one tenth to three tenths of one percent of the face value of bills of exchange negotiated in connection with transportation which it undertakes to handle.

20. Insurance Fees

For arranging insurance, this company will retain as its commission, a fee computed on the basis of the standard rates adopted by the insurance companies.

21. Interest on Advances

Interest at bank rates will be charged on funds in excess of 500,000 advanced by this company in connection with transport contracts.

22. Charges at Destination

In all cases of transport of goods by railway, highway, or waterway, whether of full carload or small lot shipments, upon arrival at destination or at forwarding or transshipment point, a charge will be made at standard rates to cover the expense of unloading and delivery incurred by the local company office or its agent. Where there is no local company representative or agent, the shipper must assume responsibility for delivery, in which case no charge will be made by this company.

23. Night Watchman's Fees

Except in cases of forwarding on the company's responsibility, a charge will be made in connection with all full carload shipments or full shipments, in freight yards where the services of a night watchman are required while goods are awaiting shipment or are at transfer points en route, to cover the actual cost of such services in excess of 3 days.

24. Handling of Fractional Amounts of Charges

When charges for fees or expenses exceed an even 100 figure by less than 50 yuan the excess will be dropped; if the excess is more than 50 yuan the amount charged will be increased to the next even 100 figure.

25. International Transport

The standard rates of charges for services in connection with international transport services shall be determined separately.

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The authority for the interpretation of the meaning of this scale of charges rests with the Department of Communications of the Central - South China Military and Administrative Committee.

The adoption and enforcement of this scale of charges, as well as amendments thereto, are authorized by the Department of Communications of the Central - South China Military and Administrative Committee.

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